

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An IC card to be used for individual authentication or settlement comprising:

an input device for individual authentication information
5 of a user of said IC card;

a use condition storage device for storing a term of validity of said authentication information or collation results of said authentication information and use conditions of said IC card; and

10 a controller for controlling the term of validity of said IC card on the basis of collation results of said authentication information with said use condition information.

2. The IC card according to Claim 1,

wherein said input device for said individual
15 authentication information is comprised of input devices for biometrics information concerning any of a finger print, an iris, a voiceprint and a retina print.

3. The IC card according to Claim 1,

wherein said use condition storage device records a term
20 of validity of said IC card for every application program of said IC card.

4. The IC card according to Claim 1,

wherein said use condition storage device records judgment conditions during collation of individual
25 authentication information inputted every application program

of said IC card.

5. The IC card according to Claim 1,

wherein said controller makes said IC card usable for a predetermined time period on the basis of individual authentication information inputted into said IC card, and makes
5 said IC card unusable after a lapse of said time period.

6. The IC card according to Claim 5,

wherein said IC card has a display unit for displaying whether or not said IC card can be used and

10 said controller lights said display unit when said IC card can be used, and puts out said display unit when said IC card cannot be used.

7. An IC card to be used for individual authentication or settlement, comprising functions for:

15 inputting finger print information of a user of said IC card;

collating said inputted finger print information with finger print information of a user of the IC card registered in advance; and

20 when the collation results in coincide, making said IC card valid during a predetermined terms of validity to make use of said IC card possible.

8. The IC card according to Claim 7, further comprising a function for making use of said IC card impossible after an
25 elapse of said predetermined time period.

9. The IC card according to Claim 8,
wherein said IC card displays that said IC card is valid
during said term of validity, and that said IC card is not valid
after an elapse of said term of validity.

5 10. The IC card according to Claim 7,
wherein said term of validity will be set in accordance
with an object of use of said IC card.

11. The IC card according to Claim 7,
wherein a collation condition of said finger print
10 information will be set in accordance with an object of use
of said IC card.

12. A method of controlling a term of validity of an IC card
to be used for individual authentication or settlement,
comprising the steps of:

15 inputting authentication information of a user of said
IC card;

collating said authentication information inputted with
authentication information of the user of said IC card registered
in advance;

20 making said IC card usable when said collation results
in coincidence;

monitoring an elapse of time period since said IC card
is made usable; and

making said IC card unusable when a predetermined term
25 of validity of said IC card has elapsed.

13. . The method of controlling a term of validity of said IC card according to Claim 12, further comprising a step of changing the term of validity of said IC card in accordance with an object of use of said IC card.